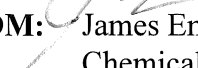


DATE: NOV 13 2009

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Closure, Olympic Oil Ltd, Cicero, Illinois
Case Number IL10-0003

FROM:  James Entzminger, Enforcement Specialist
Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section

TO: Case File

On September 17, 2009, at 11:15 p.m., an employee of Olympic Oil Ltd, discovered an ethylene glycol release. The concentration of the ethylene glycol was 50 percent. Ethylene glycol is a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) hazardous substance with a reportable quantity of 5,000 pounds. The initial notification to the National Response Center occurred on September 18, 2009, at 4:04 p.m., or almost 19 hours after the release was discovered. The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) was notified on September 18, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., or almost 14 hours after the release was discovered. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was never notified of this release. The written follow-up report was never submitted to the SERC or the LEPC.

In their response, they indicated that the release was to a concrete loading area and the ground around the loading dock. The loading area does have a concrete sump that flows to a storm drain with a valve and the valve was closed. The amount spilled onto the concrete did not reach the environment. Olympic Oil Ltd further reported that the actual quantity released was 4,595 pounds, which is below the RQ. The Fertilizer Institute Administrative Law Judge decision states that a release must be into the environment and above the RQ to be reportable.

I will close this case, because the release was below the RQ and no other Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act or CERCLA violation were detected

cc: Mark J. Horwitz, Chief (VIA Lotus Notes)
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